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US v. Trinidad-Acosta, No. 13-1830 & US v. Cogswell, No. 13-2056

Conviction and sentence of defendants Trinidad-Acosta and Cogswell for their involvement in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine base is affirmed, where: 1) the record reflects that both defendants were afforded a fair and impartial trial; 2) the evidence of defendants' guilt was more than sufficient to support the jury's verdicts; 3) the convictions were not tainted by prejudicial error either in the judge's charge or in the government's closing argument; and 4) the sentences were reasonable.